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Timely Tidbits ...

District Guarantees All-day/Every-day Kindergarten Classes

This fall, the Romulus Community Schools will guarantee all-day/every-day classes for all kindergarten students who are enrolled on or before the district's Kindergarten Roundup date of February 20, 2006.

Roundup programs will be held at five of the district's six elementary schools (Cory, Halecreek, Merriman, Romulus, and Wick) from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Monday, February 20; Barth's Roundup day is set for Thursday, February 16, from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Children must reach their fifth birthday by December 1, 2006, to be eligible for kindergarten.

"Kindergarten Roundup gives parents an opportunity to register their children, meet school officials, and fill out all the necessary application forms at one time," said spokesperson Dick Kruse. "Residents are asked to share information about the Roundup program with possible candidates."

"Parents of new kindergarten students should contact their neighborhood elementary school for additional information," he added.

For details, please refer to the enrollment form on page 4.

So You Think You Can Bring It?

Romulus Dance Productions, which operates through the Romulus Recreation Department, is sponsoring its second annual "So You Think You Can Bring It?" dance contest at Romulus High School (9650 South Wayne Road) on Friday, February 17, beginning at 7 p.m.

Contestants will be judged in a total of nine categories, including choice of music, choreography, energy, and facial expression.

The winner will receive a costume and four private lessons.

Admission is free.

For more information, please call 734-941-8665. □

City's New Senior Center Now Open



Among those who attended the grand opening for the new Romulus Senior Center were some of the people who worked the hardest to make it a reality. They include: (from left) Timothy Keyes, Economic Development director for the City of Romulus; Maria Lambert, Downtown Development Authority (DDA) director; William Crane, DDA chairman; Mayor Alan R. Lambert; Ronald Hopson, DDA vice-chairman; City Treasurer Pamela Morrison-Kersey; and Rick Perry, DDA secretary.

The long-awaited opening of the new Romulus Senior Center became a reality on Friday, January 20, when the City hosted a ribbon-cutting to celebrate the event.

The new facility – located downtown at 36525 Bibbins – was constructed on the site where the old recreation and senior centers previously stood.

Inside the building's 15,400 square feet – which represents a significant increase in space compared to the old center – seniors will find a number of amenities, including:

- a kiln room for ceramics classes
- an exercise room that will include a variety of equipment, including some donated by Dr. Craig Everingham of the Everingham Chiropractic Health Center in Romulus
- a billiards room
- a conference room
- a state-of-the-art kitchen
- two large banquet rooms – each with a seating capacity of 100 – that also feature a projector/screen setup and PA system.

According to Downtown Development Authority director Maria Lambert, the new senior center's construction, furnishings, and other appurtenances came with a total price tag of about \$3.4

million – yet Romulus residents won't see any increase in their property-tax bills because of it.

"We found a way to get our community a new senior center without raising taxes, and we jumped on it," she said. "It was an opportunity too good to pass up."

Lambert explained that, with the backing of the City of Romulus, the DDA bonded for the full \$3.4 million needed for the project. The money will be repaid over a 10-year period, with the DDA picking up about one-third of the total, and the other two-thirds coming from federal Community Development Block Grant funds that have been pre-committed for the bond payments.

Those who missed last month's ribbon-cutting ceremony will have another chance to attend a gala affair celebrating the new facility. A "Valentine Cruise" – set for noon on Friday, February 24 – will put an entertaining twist on a day of facility tours open to all ages.

"Each cruise 'passenger' will pick up a 'passport' at the 'entry port,' and will receive a stamp in that passport every time he or she visits a new 'port of call,'" said Senior Programs director Linda Norman. "Each port, or room in the building, will have a different host, who will serve refreshments while introduc-

ing passengers to the room's function and special features. Entertainment will also be provided.

"At the end of the cruise, passengers will have a chance to turn in their filled passports for a door-prize drawing," she added.

To ensure that plenty of refreshments are available, Norman is asking those who plan to attend the free program to preregister by calling 734-955-4120 or 955-4130 during normal business hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.).

Although several finishing touches remain to be added, the new Romulus Senior Center is now open for business.

"We've returned from our temporary home at the Romulus Progressive Club, and have resumed many of our regularly scheduled programs," said Norman. "Hot lunches are again being served each weekday for a donation of just \$1.75 per person, and most of our other services are also available."

One upcoming event that will make good use of the new center's facilities is a Valentine's Day showing of *The Notebook*, starring James Garner and Gena Rowlands. Seniors are invited to stop by on Tuesday, February 14, for this free movies-and-munchies program, which will begin at 1 p.m. □

The Police Blotter

Thanks to Sergeant Bryan Cozzaglio for submitting the following summary of the Romulus Police Department's significant activity from Monday, January 23, through Sunday, February 5. (Editor's note: The information below is presented in the following format: date, time, type of call, and general location.)

Monday, January 23

- 9:20 a.m. – Fraud Complaint (block of 28100 Gorsuch)
- 9:34 a.m. – Threats (block of 7680 Merriman)
- 12:23 p.m. – Juvenile Complaint/Runaway (JC/R) (block of 35400 Smith)
- 4:29 p.m. – Assault & Battery (A&B) (block of 35400 N. Alexander)
- 4:51 p.m. – Fraud Complaint (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 5:30 p.m. – Larceny (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 8:05 p.m. – Felonious Assault (block of 6010 Colorado)
- 9:50 p.m. – Larceny (block of 35500 Stephanie)

Tuesday, January 24

- 12:58 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 15700 Woodmont)
- 4:29 a.m. – Death Investigation (block of 13600 Hannan)
- 8:56 a.m. – Larceny (block of 11500 Ozga)
- 3:05 p.m. – Neighbor Trouble (block of 15700 Isabelle)
- 5:17 p.m. – Unlawful Driving Away of an Automobile (UDAA) (block of 7950 Silo)
- 6:43 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 34500 Julie)
- 6:46 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 34300 Pine Wood Cir.)
- 7:00 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 9290 Washington)
- 8:25 p.m. – Larceny (block of 8500 Wickham)
- 9:39 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 35500 Stephanie)
- 10:11 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 8570 Whitehorn)

Wednesday, January 25

- 12:49 a.m. – Fraud Complaint (block of 27400 Van Born)
- 7:25 a.m. – Larceny (block of 31400 Ecorse)
- 10:06 a.m. – Breaking & Entering (B&E) (block of 15000 Pond Way)
- 2:01 p.m. – UDAA (block of 7770 Merriman)
- 2:06 p.m. – Property Damage/Malicious Destruction of Property (PD/MDOP) (block of 28600 Northline)

- 2:48 p.m. – Larceny (block of 6530 Middlebelt)
- 4:05 p.m. – A&B (block of 15000 Brandt)
- 4:14 p.m. – B&E (block of 6530 Middlebelt)
- 4:25 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 30600 Redwood)
- 7:10 p.m. – Missing Person (block of 35200 Wick)

Thursday, January 26

- 12:08 a.m. – JC/R (block of 6380 Fourth)
- 12:42 a.m. – Larceny (block of 10200 Miriam)
- 4:04 a.m. – Larceny (block of 15500 Brandt)
- 8:18 a.m. – Threats (block of 30600 Redwood)
- 10:14 a.m. – Larceny (block of 5840 Moore)
- 11:38 a.m. – Larceny (block of 28300 Sequoia)
- 11:58 a.m. – A&B (block of 27500 Newcastle)
- 12:26 p.m. – Larceny (block of 36500 Grant)
- 12:33 p.m. – Abandoned Vehicle (block of 15400 Woodmont)
- 1:15 p.m. – Larceny (block of 31400 Ecorse)
- 1:20 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 8960 Inkster)
- 4:03 p.m. – Harassment Complaint (block of 5940 Panam)
- 6:35 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 28800 Burning Tree Pl.)
- 10:21 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 35500 Stephanie)
- 10:48 p.m. – JC/R (block of 15900 Orchard)

Friday, January 27

- 8:51 a.m. – Death Investigation (block of 6750 Niagara)
- 9:09 a.m. – A&B (block of 35700 Garner)
- 4:17 p.m. – Fraud Complaint (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 4:27 p.m. – Larceny (block of 36900 Grant)
- 7:24 p.m. – Felonious Assault (block of 15000 Brandt)
- 9:21 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 35500 Ecorse)

Saturday, January 28

- 12:04 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 31500 Wick)
- 1:52 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 13200 Homefield)
- 2:04 a.m. – Loud Music (block of 30100 Eureka)
- 7:39 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 35200 Ecorse)
- 8:35 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 15000 Knoll Way)

- 11:23 a.m. – Child Abuse/Neglect (block of 6330 Hyde Park)
- 11:31 a.m. – Loud Music (block of 30400 Dorset)
- 12:03 p.m. – Criminal Sexual Conduct (CSC) (block of 35900 Vinewood)
- 1:04 p.m. – Loud Music (block of 7980 Fallow Ct.)
- 5:55 p.m. – Miscellaneous Duties (at RPD headquarters)
- 9:09 p.m. – JC/R (block of 15800 Isabelle)
- 11:58 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 10400 Middlebelt)

Sunday, January 29

- 2:08 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 8000 Merriman)
- 2:18 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 7600 Merriman)
- 2:49 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 6680 Gloria)
- 3:07 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 35600 Garner)
- 9:17 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 15800 Taft)
- 10:00 a.m. – B&E (block of 37300 Northline)

- 10:57 a.m. – Death Investigation (block of 38000 Wabash)
- 11:09 a.m. – UDAA (block of 15800 Orchard)
- 1:28 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 15000 Plain Way)
- 3:05 p.m. – Larceny (block of 31100 Flynn Dr.)
- 6:33 p.m. – CSC (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 7:02 p.m. – Fight (block of 15300 Harrison)
- 10:35 p.m. – Loud Music (block of 11200 Delano)

Monday, January 30

- 7:12 a.m. – UDAA (block of 6170 Tyndall)
- 8:42 a.m. – Larceny (block of 35500 Garner)
- 9:41 a.m. – Rescue (block of 16300 Dodge)
- 9:56 a.m. – Robbery (block of 9770 Wayne)
- 11:11 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 35500 N. Alexander)
- 11:38 a.m. – Panic Alarm (block of 9340 Wayne)

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- 1:04 p.m. – PD/MDOP
(block of 34600 Wick)
- 1:28 p.m. – Larceny
(reported at RPD headquarters)
- 3:18 p.m. – B&E
(construction area on Abilene)
- 7:16 p.m. – UDAA
(block of 7780 Merriman)
- 11:41 p.m. – UDAA
(block of 7000 Shawnee)

Tuesday, January 31

- 12:05 a.m. – Harassment Complaint
(block of 6050 Biddle)
- 5:10 a.m. – Threats
(reported at RPD headquarters)
- 7:17 a.m. – PD/MDOP
(block of 28100 Northline)
- 9:32 a.m. – Recovered UDAA
(Ozga at the railroad tracks)
- 1:18 p.m. – JC/R
(block of 35200 Smith)
- 1:48 p.m. – Threats
(block of 5860 Metro)
- 2:31 p.m. – B&E
(block of 37800 Wick)
- 5:31 p.m. – Larceny
(block of 34400 Lynn)
- 6:21 p.m. – A&B
(reported at RPD headquarters)
- 7:16 p.m. – UDAA
(block of 38900 Rodeo)
- 7:59 p.m. – Mental Incapacitation
(block of 9950 Wayne)
- 10:48 p.m. – Family Trouble
(block of 16300 Inkster)

Wednesday, February 1

- 8:26 a.m. – Recovered UDAA
(block of 6970 Shawnee)
- 9:54 a.m. – JC/R
(block of 32200 Beverly)
- 2:40 p.m. – Larceny
(block of 15000 Pond Way)
- 3:16 p.m. – Felonious Assault
(block of 36400 Goddard)
- 3:29 p.m. – Fraud Complaint
(block of 8450 Merriman)
- 4:03 p.m. – Kidnapping
(block of 29100 Wick)
- 4:34 p.m. – Family Trouble
(block of 6920 Ranger)
- 5:54 p.m. – Pursuit
(block of 31400 Ecorse)

- 7:43 p.m. – Threats
(reported at RPD headquarters)
- 11:30 p.m. – Threats
(block of 5980 Metro)
- 11:48 p.m. – Disturbance
(block of 15600 Harrison)

Thursday, February 2

- 12:02 A.M. – Family Trouble
(block of 6760 Merriman)
- 1:02 p.m. – B&E
(block of 15000 Mountain Way)
- 2:01 p.m. – Harassment Complaint
(block of 6870 Ball)
- 3:13 p.m. – Threats
(block of 29200 Whisper Ct.)
- 5:11 p.m. – Operating Under the
Influence of Liquor (OUIL)
(block of 38400 Ecorse)
- 5:14 p.m. – Off-road Vehicle
(ORV) Complaint
(block of 38400 Nottingham Dr.)

Friday, February 3

- 1:09 a.m. – Disturbance
(block of 5940 Panam)
- 1:55 a.m. – Fight
(block of 34300 Pine Wood Cir.)
- 6:33 a.m. – Harassment Complaint
(block of 38200 McDonald Dr.)
- 8:20 a.m. – Abandoned Vehicle
(block of 35000 Avalon)
- 10:06 a.m. – Health & Safety
(block of 9460 Chamberlain)
- 10:32 a.m. – JC/R
(block of 15300 Merriman)
- 12:48 p.m. – Larceny
(block of 6200 Irma)
- 3:16 p.m. – Child Abuse/Neglect
(block of 16200 Oakbrook)
- 3:52 p.m. – Mental Incapacitation
(block of 35500 Margaret)
- 8:45 p.m. – B&E
(block of 15000 Knoll Way)
- 11:57 p.m. – Disturbance
(block of 36400 Goddard)

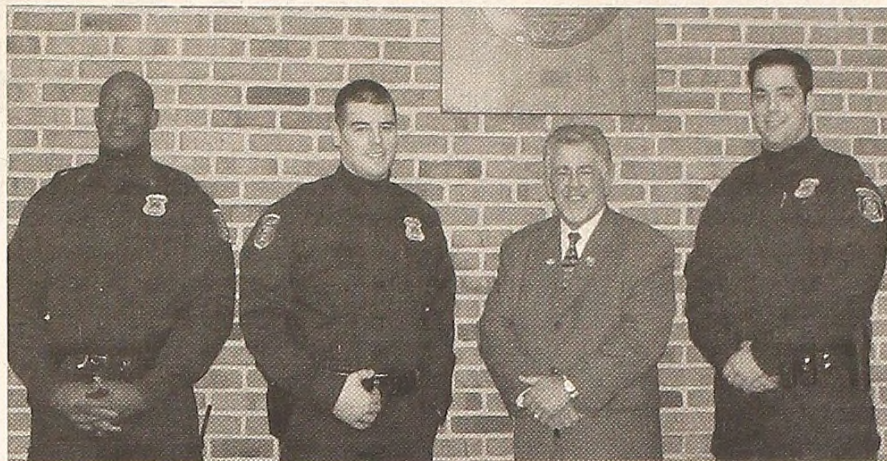
Saturday, February 4

- 12:20 a.m. – Liquor Law Violation
(block of 8600 Merriman)
- 2:49 a.m. – A&B
(block of 8800 Wickham)
- 10:10 a.m. – B&E
(block of 35900 Goddard)
- 10:31 a.m. – Threats
(block of 31100 Flynn Dr.)
- 11:55 a.m. – Rescue
(block of 5990 Metro)
- 12:27 p.m. – Family Trouble
(block of 10100 Ozga)
- 6:17 p.m. – Vagrant
(block of 35500 Ecorse)

Sunday, February 5

- 1:39 a.m. – Harassment Complaint
(block of 9090 Wickham)
- 4:54 a.m. – Disturbance
(block of 6740 Merriman)
- 10:17 a.m. – Felonious Assault
(block of 6570 Ball)
- 6:13 p.m. – Disturbance
(block of 15000 Middlebelt)
- 11:12 p.m. – OUIL
(block of 11000 Hannan)
- 11:27 p.m. – Larceny
(block of 13200 Middlebelt)

Three New Police Officers Sworn In



Romulus Mayor Alan R. Lambert (second from right) was pleased to welcome three new officers – (from left) LaBrit Jackson, Eric Harris, and Jeremy Channells – to the Romulus Police Department on January 23. The trio took their oaths to serve and protect Romulus citizens during a ceremony attended by proud family members and other well-wishers.

Capitol Update

Evaluating Granholm's "State of the State"

by Hoon-Yung Hopgood, State Representative for Michigan's 22nd District

Governor Jennifer M. Granholm delivered her fourth annual "State of the State" address to a joint session of the Legislature on January 25, 2006. The Governor shared her vision of creating good-paying jobs and making education a pillar of her administration. These are the ingredients we need to make Michigan strong again. I applaud the Governor for her forward-looking plan, and I'm eager to join her in making her vision a reality.

Some of the highlights are:

- using the \$2-billion "21st Century Jobs Fund" to grow technology-laden businesses in areas such as alternative energy, life sciences, homeland security, and advanced automotive and manufacturing;
- investing \$1 billion in state and federal funds to provide health coverage to 500,000 Michigan workers who are currently uninsured;
- investing in education through a new \$4,000 Merit Scholarship;
- calling for a stronger high-school curriculum;
- expanding access to high-quality early education.

Today's students are tomorrow's workers, and we want to give our children all the tools they need to succeed in class and beyond. The Governor's education proposals will better prepare our kids to compete for the good-paying jobs of the 21st century.

Hearings Continue on Proposal to Update Graduation Requirements

On February 1, the House Education Committee heard testimony on

House Bill 5606, which would implement the New Michigan Merit Core. The proposed high-school graduation requirements include 16 credits in English/language arts, mathematics, science, social science, health/physical education, and fine arts/music. The bill differs significantly from the State Board of Education's proposal by offering specific content recommendations for the courses, as well as strong legislative oversight responsibilities.

The committee heard testimony from Michigan State University's Dr. Bill Schmidt, a world-renowned expert in mathematics. Dr. Schmidt spoke passionately about the need for rigorous math standards so that our students are prepared for the global jobs of the future. The committee also heard stirring testimony from Dr. Marlene Davis, superintendent of the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency. She expressed support for the concept, but wants to make sure that our teachers have the support and tools they will need to teach such a rigorous curriculum to students with varying learning styles.

I have concerns with the extent to which HB 5606 injects legislative micromanaging over specific course content. Therefore, on Thursday, February 2, I introduced HB 5636, which reflects the recommendations of the State Board of Education. Either piece of legislation will require additional changes as the legislative process advances.

I look forward to moving ahead in a bipartisan manner to implement these important changes for our high-school students. □



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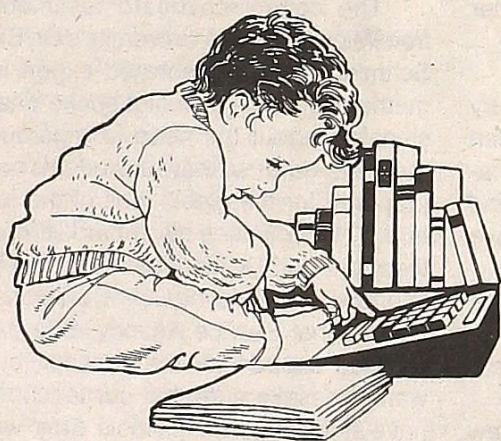
If your child was four years old by December 1st, 2005, he/she will be eligible for kindergarten in the fall of 2006. The Romulus Community Schools will offer both full-day/every-day and half-day/every-day kindergarten programs.

This year, *the Romulus school district will guarantee all-day/every-day kindergarten classes for each student enrolled on or before Kindergarten Roundup Day (February 20th, 2006).* Please review the options below and fill out the parent advisory form. You may contact your child's elementary school to receive enrollment packets ahead of the February 20th date, and you may also turn in your enrollment information – including the parent advisory form – before the February 20th date if this is most convenient for you. *The district cannot guarantee all-day/every-day kindergarten for those students who enroll after February 20th.*

Your area elementary school will be open from 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Roundup Day* to allow you ample time to fill out the necessary documents for kindergarten registration. Later in the spring, each kindergarten family will be receiving special pre-kindergarten learning materials, and you will also be informed about kindergarten orientation programs at your area school. **Barth only: Roundup on February 16th; building open from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.*

We look forward to having your child in our exciting kindergarten program next year. If you have any additional questions and/or concerns, please contact your area elementary school any school day between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Telephone numbers for these schools are: Barth (734-532-1250), Cory (532-1300), Halecreek (532-1350), Merriman (532-1400), Romulus (532-1450), and Wick (532-1500).

ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS PARENT REQUEST FORM FOR 2006 KINDERGARTEN



DATE RECEIVED (office use only) _____

I (Parent or Legal Guardian) _____

Address _____

Phone _____

am enrolling my child _____

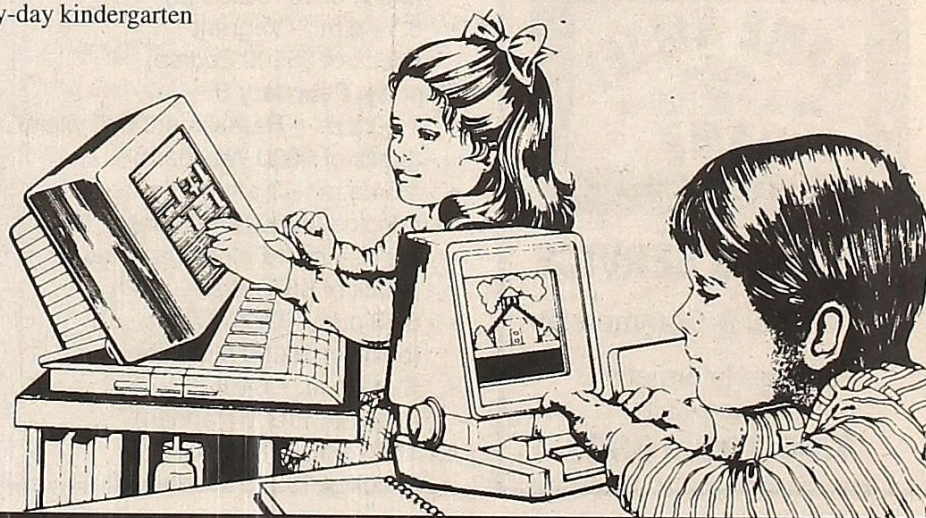
in the Romulus School District's kindergarten program for the 2006 – 2007 school year. I understand that my child must be 5 years of age by December 1st, 2006 in order to be eligible. I would prefer:

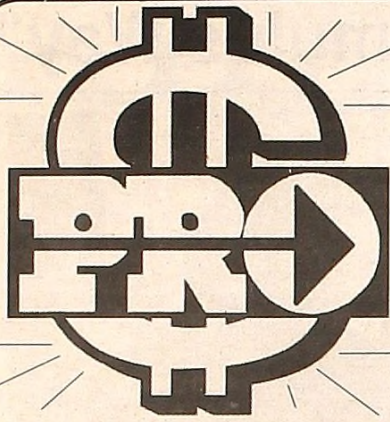
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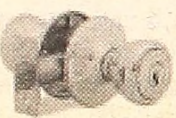
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Financial Aid Workshop Helps Students Prepare for College



A workshop conducted by University of Michigan Financial Aid Office director Pam Fowler (second from left) and her assistant, LaNorris Alexander (left), helped college-bound Romulus High School students and their parents understand the complexities of applying for financial aid. RHS principal Dan Hurst (right) urges parents to contact counselors (from left) Liza Mockeridge, LaToya Shackelford, and Florence Satterlee (734-532-1020) for additional information.

A recent workshop at Romulus High School helped college-bound students and their parents understand the complexities of applying for financial aid. The annual program – conducted by Pam Fowler, director of the University of Michigan's Financial Aid Department, and her assistant, LaNorris Alexander – was attended by more than 60 people.

Fowler began the workshop by noting that changing laws, economic fluctuations, and other factors present new challenges for financial-aid applicants each year. This year, she said, the most important difference is an average decrease of \$200 to \$400 in Pell Grant funds (which do not have to be repaid) per student. According to Fowler, the decrease was the result of recent legislation that raised the income-eligibility levels for Pell Grant recipients.

Although the all-important FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) can be filed as late as March 1, 2006, Fowler stressed the importance of turning it in as soon as possible. Data

reported on the form determines the amount of money that a student's family will be expected to provide toward his/her post-secondary education, as well as the amount of Pell Grant and other funds for which the student is eligible. Fowler strongly recommends that families fill out the electronic version of the FAFSA, as opposed to the paper version, because its quicker turnaround time means that parents will receive the information they will need to apply for additional aid within 10 days.

Students were also advised to apply to colleges and universities as soon as possible because their funds will be restricted, as well.

"This is a first-come/first-served situation, and once individual school money is gone, you will be too late," she said.

Fowler and her assistant concluded by reviewing school awards such as need-/merit-based and work/study scholarships, and also discussed a variety of loans and how students can effectively access them. □

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Board of Education Hears Report on "The Romulus Way"

The Romulus Community Schools' student-responsibility program, called "The Romulus Way," was the subject of a special presentation during a recent meeting of the Board of Education. Romulus Middle School principal Phyllis Adkins, assistant principal Rhonda Henry, staff members, and students appeared before the Board to discuss the program's impact and effectiveness to date.

From the beginning of the school year, according to assistant principal Henry, the focus of "The Romulus Way" has been to provide an environment where teachers can teach and students can learn.

"With the 'No Child Left Behind' law, curriculum standards are much more intense," she noted. "Therefore, in order for children to receive optimal instruction, it is increasingly important for teachers to focus on teaching, and spend less time dealing with disruptive classroom behavior."

"Throughout the entire first semester of school," she continued, "we have taught and reinforced 'The Romulus Way,' which focuses on respect, responsibility, and resourcefulness. We have maintained high behavior expectations for students, and have been consistent in adhering to our zero-tolerance policy. Our responsibility system has been adapted to fit the needs of middle-school



Joining Romulus Middle School principal Phyllis Adkins (left) and assistant principal Rhonda Henry (right) to make a presentation about "The Romulus Way" before the Board of Education were: (from left) front – Daijah Street, Bilal Ali, Cieara Franklin, Astacia Watts, Jardon Haywood, and James Hollis; back – Angela Siggia (counselor), Levira Noel, Brian Wietfeld (computers teacher), Molly McGlynn (Comprehensive School Reform facilitator), and Akua Saulsberry (social-studies teacher).

students, and provide's clear expectations for student behavior.

"In addition, our students have earned field trips and a variety of special privileges for displaying 'The Romulus Way.'"

Henry said that, due to the efforts of teachers, support staff, students, and parents, there has been a tremendous improvement in overall student behavior at Romulus Middle School.

"Our behavior data shows a 12% decrease in overall behavior referrals, which represents over 150 less referrals compared to this time last year," she explained. "This decrease is largely due to a 68% decrease in bus misconduct and a 56% decrease in fighting. In addition, we have had a 36% decrease in suspensions, which represents 169 less suspensions compared to this time last year."

Henry believes that these drastic improvements would not have been possible without the cooperation of parents.

"The support we have received from parents thus far this school year has been tremendous," she said. "Parents are, and always will be, a child's greatest resource."

She added that staff members are looking forward to helping students maximize their potential next semester. □

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Family Fun Night at Halecreek



Students, parents, and staff members enjoyed Halecreek Elementary's recent Family Fun Night, which featured a variety of activities. Attendees included: (from left) Billy Bonam, Kristen Fuss (learning specialist), Michael Diebel (parent), Johnny Mabin, and Tina Vail.

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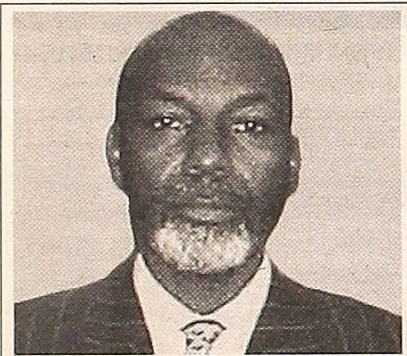
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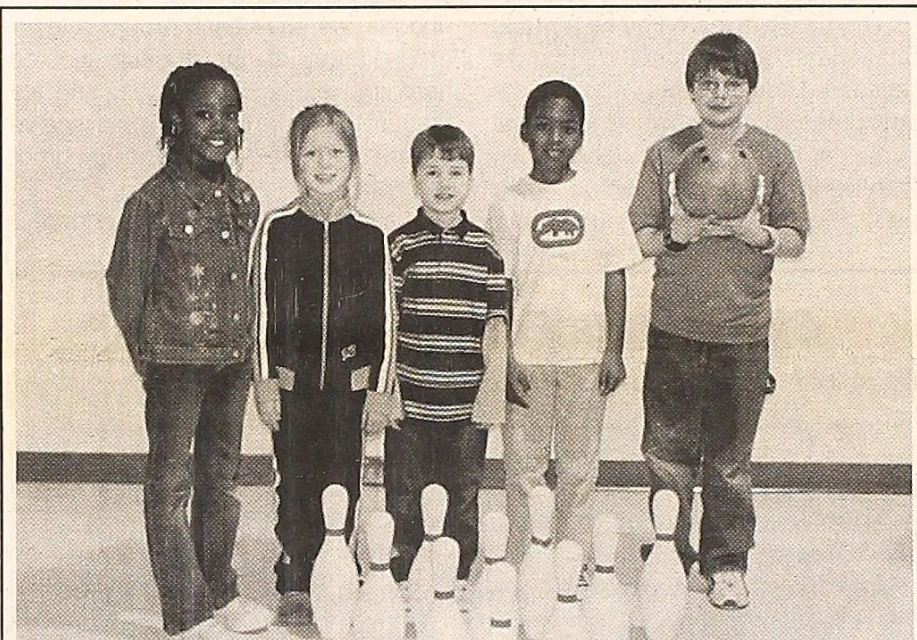
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Bowling in the gym was a popular event with children like (from left) Bria Jones, Jennifer Leppen, Kyle Chapman, Kevin Hogains, and Alex Paul.



Riding roller boards and steering through an obstacle course in the gym were a number of students, including: (from left) front – Mark Diebel, Kilah Stewart, and Mikayla Swasey; back – Measha Diebel, Teah Stewart, and Patricia Tobin-Knight.

"Science Explosion" Program Wows Wick Students, Parents



Dr. Science Schtuff wowed the crowd with his experiments.

Wick Elementary School's annual Science Night was truly dynamite thanks to a presentation of "Science Explosion."

The program – created by a group of teachers from Wayne-Westland's Stevenson Middle School – is an educational presentation designed to appeal to younger audiences through the use of rap-like lessons accompanied by pop music. Since the program's inception,

science teachers Fred Ribits (who is still at Stevenson), Dave Bydlowski (currently a science consultant for the Wayne County Regional Educational Services Agency), and Charlie Kline (retired) have taken their show on the road to a total of 31 states.

"It was a pleasure to have Science Explosion come to Wick and present its nationally known program," said principal Debbie Juriga. "We got a lot of positive comments from both students and parents."

Juriga was also pleased with the remainder of the school's Science Night program, which featured exhibits of students' science projects ... with a new twist.

"We changed the way that we graded our fifth- and sixth-grade science projects," she explained. "Instead of awarding first-, second-, and third-place ribbons, we gave each project a letter grade. Many of our students worked hard and did excellent jobs, and we thought that more of them would receive positive recognition under the new grading system."

"It worked out great," she added. □



"Science Explosion" presenters (from left) Fred Ribits, Dave Bydlowski, and Charlie Kline did a great job at Wick's annual Science Night program.

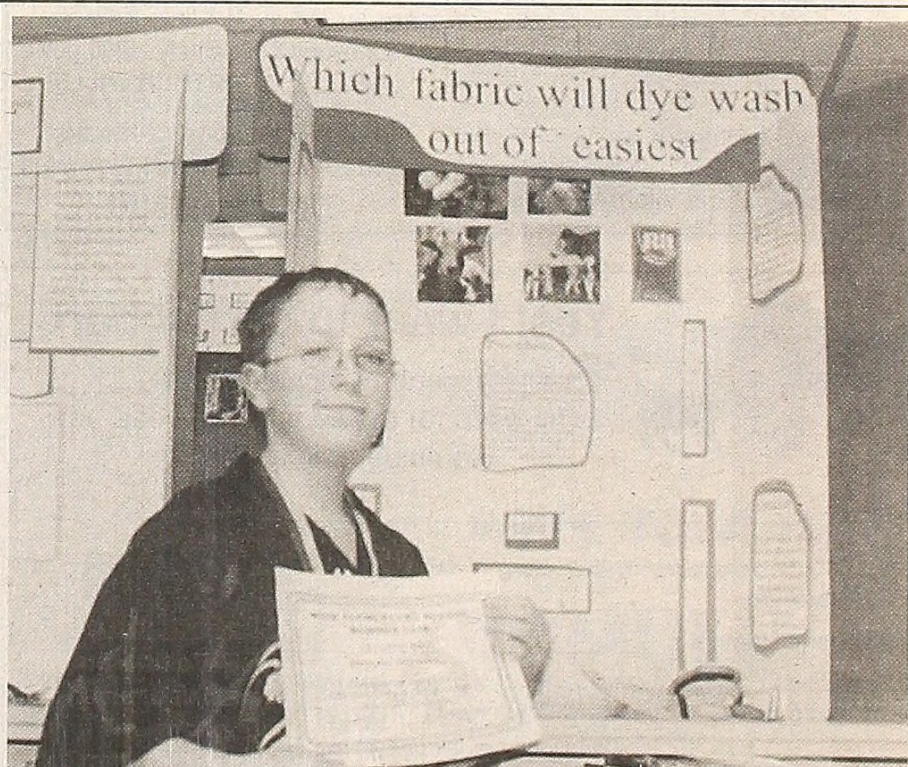
Cory Hosts Fund-raiser for Trip



Romulus Board of Education trustee Thomas Kuderik (back) enjoyed talking with Enomwoyi Franklin and her children – (front, from left) Emanuel, Ennix, and Errol Jr. – during Cory Elementary's recent Spaghetti Dinner fund-raiser for the school's annual sixth-grade camping trip.



Wick students Joshua Shellman (left) and Fred McAnally showed off their A-graded science exhibit.



Wick student Brian Moore was proud of his A-graded science project.



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Community Calendar

- **Quilt Exhibit Wraps Up** – The display of antique and contemporary quilts at the historic Kingsley house (11137 Hunt, across the street from the post office), will continue each Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. through March 31. Admission is free. For information, call 734-697-9628.
- **Little League Registration** – Romulus Little League will hold its annual registration for baseball and softball at the Romulus Recreation Center (35765 Northline Road) on Friday, February 10, from 5 to 8 p.m., and Saturday, February 11, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Registrants must bring three proofs of residency as well as an original birth certificate for each player. Cost is \$40 for the first child, plus an additional \$15 for each additional brother/sister. A \$20-per-family volunteer deposit is also required; it will be returned once four hours of volunteer time have been completed. *Please note that participation in a candy fund-raiser is also required.* For information, call 734-955-6204 or visit romuluslittleleague@comcast.net.
- **Hopgood Hosts Coffee Hour** – State Representative Hoon-Yung Hopgood's next Coffee Hour program will be held at Romulus House Restaurant (9110 South Wayne Road, at Wick) on Monday, February 13, from 4 to 6 p.m. The programs give Hopgood's constituents a chance to meet with him to share their thoughts and concerns.
- **"Second Monday" Book Club** – Meetings of the Romulus Public Library's new Second Monday Book Club – open to everyone 18 and older – are held at the Romulus Public Library (11121 South Wayne Road, south of Goddard) from 7 to 8:15 p.m. on the second Monday of each month. Advance registration is not required; just read the suggested book, then drop in. Copies of the suggested books will be available at the library, or library staff members can assist you in getting an interlibrary loan. Books planned for upcoming discussions include: *The Color of Water: A Black Man's Tribute to His White Mother* (fiction) by James McBride (February 13); *Dearly Devoted Dexter* (a mystery) by Jeff Lindsay (March 13); *The Great Gatsby* (classic fiction) by F. Scott Fitzgerald (April 10); *Beautiful Jim Key* (nonfiction) by Mim Eichler Rivas (May 8); and *Chocolat* (fiction) by Joanne Harris. For information, call 734-942-7589.
- **"Preschool Story Time"** – The Romulus Public Library's Preschool Story Time program – open to all children between the ages of three and five – will begin next week at the library (11121 South Wayne Road, south of Goddard). Parents may choose between the evening session (Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. from February 14 through March 21) and the morning session (Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. from February 15 through March 22). Although the program is free, preregistration is required. Call 734-942-7589.
- **"Exercise for Health & Weight Loss"** – The second of three "Living Nutritiously" programs – presented by Kristen M. Pierce, RD, NASM-CPT, in conjunction with the Romulus Public Library and the Friends of the Romulus Public Library – will be held at the library (11121 South Wayne Road, south of Goddard) at 6:45 p.m. on Wednesday, February 22. The program is free; advance registration is required. Call 734-942-7589.
- **Open House at St. Mary School** – St. Mary Catholic School (grades K–8) will host an Open House/Cultural Fair at the school (34516 Michigan Avenue, near Wayne Road, in Wayne) on Sunday, February 26, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tours will be available; teachers and staff will be on hand to answer questions. For information, call 734-721-1240.
- **Family Reading and Science Programs** – The Romulus Public Library's final "Life Through the Ages" program – "Sensational Cenozoic: Back to the Sea" – will be held at the library (11121 South Wayne Road, south of Goddard) from 10 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 4. This free, hands-on program for kids ages 6 to 11 will provide families with a chance to read and learn together about the fossil record and geological time, with an in-depth look at many fascinating organisms. For information, call 734-942-7589.
- **New Teen Book and Pizza Club Meets** – The newly formed Teen Book and Pizza Club will meet at the Romulus Public Library (located at 11121 South Wayne Road, south of Goddard) at 6 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month. (Next meeting: March 7.) The goal of the group is to promote great books and lively discussion. For more information, call 734-942-7589.

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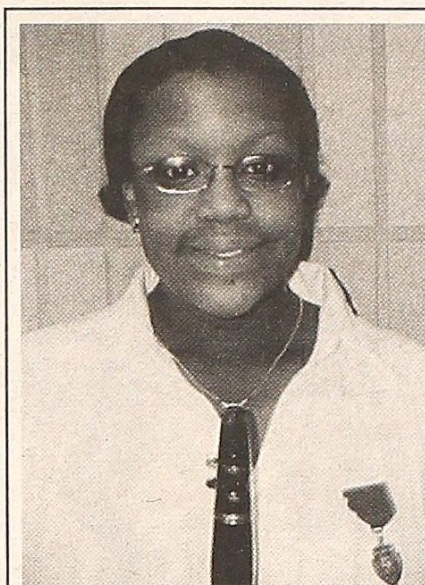
RMS Band Students Win 33 Medals at Solo/Ensemble Fest

Romulus Middle School band director Mark Fernandez said he was pleased to report that his students received nine first-division ratings, six second-division ratings, and two third-division ratings at the recent District 12 Middle School Solo and Ensemble Festival, held at Livonia Franklin High School.

"This is the highest number of students and groups we have had participate in a number of years, and the students came through with many outstanding performances," said Fernandez. "Eighteen different students won a total of 19 first-division medals, and 13 different students won a total of 14 second-division medals."

Fernandez noted that he is now preparing his bands for the upcoming District 12 Band Festival, set for the weekend of March 17–18.

"We hope to continue the Romulus tradition of first-division bands once again," he concluded. □



Nikita Rose's outstanding clarinet solo earned a first-division rating at the District 12 Middle School Solo and Ensemble Festival. (For more photos, see pages 10–11.)

Cory Parents Association Meets



Reverend Rita Talley (back, left) and Janice Barden (back, second from left) – co-parent coordinators at Cory Elementary – welcomed those who attended the school's recent Parents' Association meeting, including: (from left) front – Eric Ward, Sarah Ward, Enomwoyi Franklin, and Erin Wright; back – Geraldine Alexander and Shaney Bowers.

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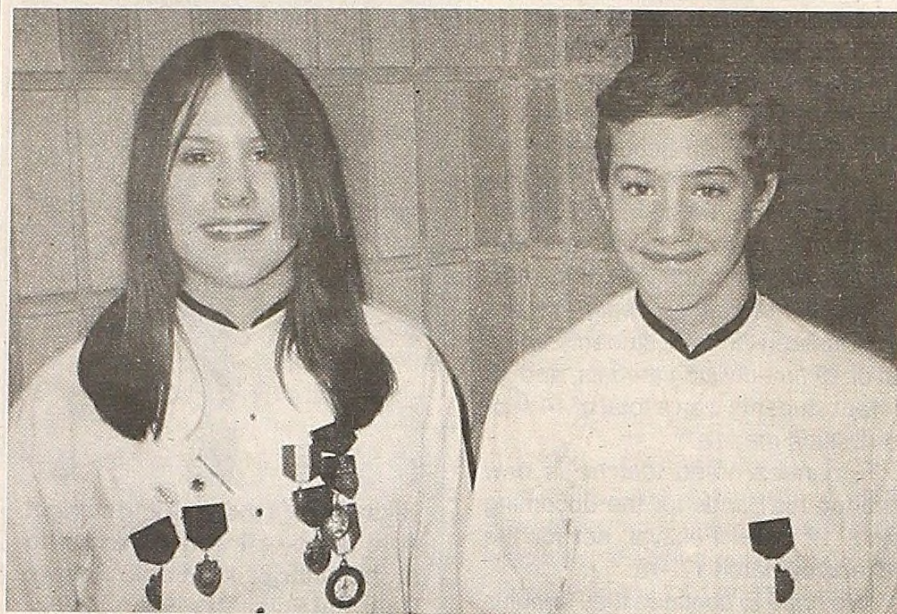
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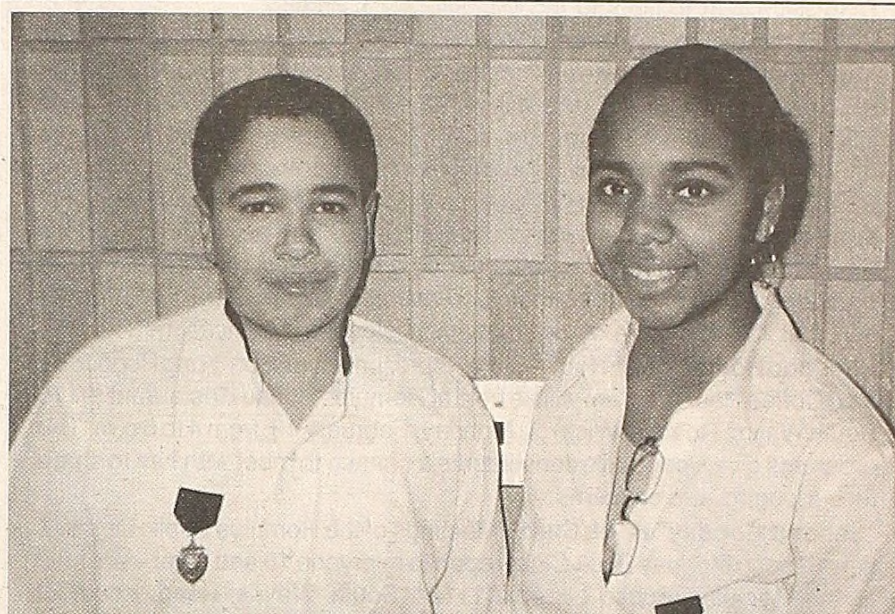
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Band Students Excel



Among the Romulus Middle School students who earned a first-division rating at the recent District 12 Solo and Ensemble Festival were Sheila (left) and Shawn Reeves, who performed a clarinet duet.



Also coming away from the District 12 Solo and Ensemble Festival with a first-division rating were Javonte Belcher (left) and Cierra Cohen, who performed a snare duet.



(From left) Chelsea Allen, Danielle Arrington, and Destiny Swanigan earned a "I" with their clarinet trio.



(From left) A flute trio performed by Crystal Poet, Katelynn Buyer, and Kara Delay earned a "I", as well



Earning a first-division rating with their flute duet were Krystal Wegrzyn (left) and Amber Sears.



Another flute duet that earned a first-division rating was performed by Victoria Chatmon (left) and Jazmyn Jones.

Band Students Excel



Romulus Middle School band students Sheila Reeves (left) and Amber Sears earned a first-division rating at the District 12 Middle School Solo and Ensemble Festival with their clarinet-and-flute duet.



A trumpet duet performed by RMS band students Ciara Turner (left) and Zachary Williams earned a second-division rating at the Solo and Ensemble Festival.



Earning a "II" with their trumpet trio were (from left) Zachary Williams, Ciara Turner, and Nathan Rice.



(From left) Kelly McGlynn, Joanna Rogers, and Jocelyn Bodden received a "II" for their flute trio.



A clarinet duet by Carman Plank (left) and Sarah Freeman received a second-division rating.



Stephanie Andrew (left) and Daijah Street also earned a "II" with their trombone duet.

Romulus Students Honored for Academics, Attendance

Congratulations to the following Romulus Community Schools students, whose hard work and dedication earned them recognition for superior academics and/or perfect attendance during the second marking period of the 2005-2006 school year.

Barth Elementary

ALL A's

Third Grade – Mrs. Shattuck

Emily Burcroff, Deanna Hearod, Zachary Kouba, Miranda Moffat, Alexis Paige, and Ahiyah Reed.

Third Grade – Mrs. Wadsworth

Sierra Coleman and Jessica Dunn.

Fourth Grade – Mrs. Gursky

Savannah Leininger, Sidney Morris, and Madison Tyree.

Fourth Grade – Mr. Jastrzab

Kyle Brown, Alexa Snyder, and Krista Wilkewitz.

Fifth Grade – Mr. Bono

Zachary Yax.

Fifth Grade – Mr. Legg

Justin Anderson and Michael Kerr.

Fifth Grade – Mr. Smith

Caitlyn Hay and Danielle Herbert.

Sixth Grade – Mr. Blackburn

Travis Bergman and Chantal Roberts.

Sixth Grade – Ms. Siegenthaler

Dayne Hearod and Savannah Moffat.

HONORS

Third Grade – Mr. Legg

Emmanuel Boykins-Harris, James Gordon, and Kyle Rydzeski.

Third Grade – Mrs. Shattuck

Matthew Cadden, Clare Freeman, Jamesha Kirkland, Elizabeth Krampitz, Adrian Maloy, Paige Randall, Jayvin Street, Jack VanAssche, and Chase Vondrak.

Third Grade – Mrs. Wadsworth

Rayshon Akins, Kaitlynn Bortz, Chance Bright, Kayla Brooks, Beverly Lewis, Heather Marchwinski, Shanell McCaa, Elisabeth Mullins, Anthony Redmond, Connor Ruschel, Shaira Thomas, and Destiny Westley.

Fourth Grade – Mrs. Gursky

Bryan Badilla, Aprille Doktor, David Druyor, Austin Hampton, Ben Mach, Dakota Watkins, Kelsey Wegrzyn, and Jeremy Zabik.

Fourth Grade – Mr. Jastrzab

Nick Banko, Matt Eldridge, Tesa Hines, Rachel LaPorte, Hunter Mason, Madeline Satterlee, Katie Wegrzyn, and Shianne Wendland.

Fourth Grade – Mr. Legg

Marcell Ward.

Fifth Grade – Mr. Bono

Brittany Braxton, David Bush, Paige Gubaci, Kendall Hilts, Latasha Jenkins, Kevin Krampitz, Alicia Long, Danielle Lorbeske, Everett Milspaugh, Bradley Nairemore, Alexandra Perez, Alicia Russell, Shayla Thomas, and Brandon Walker.

Fifth Grade – Mr. Legg

Robert Brown and Jimel Jackson.

Fifth Grade – Mr. Smith

Gwen Block, Jeremy Frayer, Steven Honeycutt, Alexis Jones, Kevin Littler, Alexandria Moore, Kyneth Noble, Andre Temple-Young, and Joshua Thornsby.

Sixth Grade – Mr. Blackburn

Katrina Bunyak, Derrian Cooley, Joseph Forbush, Taylor Kuss, Travis LaPorte, Brandon Mahon, Kayte Nickel, and Christopher Sirhan.

Sixth Grade – Mr. Legg

Marvin Jackson.

Sixth Grade – Ms. Siegenthaler

Michael Cadden, Jessica Dawson, Amanda Dunn, Erin Grapes, Holly Hammond, Richard Henderson, Rosie Lovelady, Sherrod Mack, Sierra Nathaniel, Alexis Stevenson, Jimmy VanAssche, and Johnny Watts.

Cory Elementary

ALL A's

Fourth Grade – Mrs. Pluff

Kellee Barbara, Briana Bohannon, Misty Briscoe, Kayla Bryk, and Gabrielle Miller.

Fourth-Sixth Grades – Ms. Enos and Mrs. Watkins

Joshua Bearden.

Fifth Grade – Ms. Roberts

Megan Davis and Chad Fick.

Fifth-Sixth Grade – Mr. Grange

Jordan Council, Leticia Gittens, Macee Logerstedt, and Nakeya Pinkston.

Sixth Grade – Mr. Commander

Steven Pratt.

HONORS

Third Grade – Mrs. Hartley

Kaylan Carter, Vaughn Crews, Terisha Enos, Toni Johnson, and Alexiah Mullins.

Third Grade – Mrs. James

Bianca Bellinger, Anthony Bowers, Cheyana Carney, Deirdre Carter, Kevin Crawford, Kyle Hensley, Luke Hojnowski, Christopher Irby, Ashleigh Quito, and Quandrai Thompson.

Fourth Grade – Mrs. Pluff

Cameron Barnes, Ashleigh Bennett, Atae'Ja Crawford, Edward Hillard, Denver Hojnowski, Jake Lazenby, Gary Logerstedt, Marcus Madison, Joseph Mobley, Shala Riemke, De'Ante Ross-Springer, and Pugg'Jea Warren.

Fourth-Sixth Grades – Ms. Enos and Mrs. Watkins

Noelle Berthiaume, Taviyona Christian, Juvan Gilmore, Mark Hughes, Aaron Landfair, Alan Leppen, and Madison Small.

Fifth Grade – Ms. Roberts

Demford Briscoe, Alize Butler, Todd Graham, Ryan Henich, Alexis Jackson, Joseph Marsh, Paige Olson, Ivory Petty, Sierra Scott, Dajenek White, Daijha Williams, and Caniya Wilson.

Fifth-Sixth Grade – Mr. Grange

Cheyenne Chapman, Darnell Fields, Martaz Kirkwood, Ashley Perry, Noah Riggs, and Neelege Watson.

Sixth Grade – Mr. Commander

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First Grade – Mrs. Simmons

Albert Anderson, Deborah Bland, Joshua Bonilla, Alexis Forsyth, William Graves, Sharell Searcy, and Alexis Thomas.

Second Grade – Mrs. Askew

Diante Hill, Jamari Howard, Phillip Johnson, Malik Jones, and Nia Washington.

Third Grade – Mrs. Hartley

Shayla Brown, Kaylan Carter, Terisha Enos, and Donte Richardson.

Third Grade – Mrs. James

Kevin Crawford and Luke Hojnowski.

Fourth Grade – Mrs. Pluff

Cameron Barnes, Ashleigh Bennett, Briana Bohannon, Denver Hojnowski, Gary Logerstedt, Marcus Madison, Tanajia McMullen, Gabrielle Miller, Courtney Riley, and De'Ante Ross-Springer.

Fourth-Sixth Grades – Ms. Enos and Mrs. Watkins

Aaron Landfair.

Fifth Grade – Ms. Roberts

Paige Olson and Kimberly Stone.

Fifth-Sixth Grade – Mr. Grange

Cheyenne Chapman, Jordan Council, Darnell Fields, Leticia Gittens, Ashley Perry, Janeé Warren, and Neelege Watson.

Sixth Grade – Mr. Commander

Chelsea Barlow, Jevon Carlock, Jacob Cater, Devan Hearst, Alec Madison, Lorane Rendon, Willie Sledge, De'Andre Thompson, and Bianca Wise.

Halecreek Elementary

HONORS

Fourth-Sixth Grades – Ms. Parent

Nicholas Brown, Katrina Porter, Jaylen Morgan, Zaire Smith, and Richard West.

Fifth Grade – Mrs. Friebe

Alesha Bailey, Danielle Blanc, Alexis Dillard, Rochelle Germann, Denise Henry, Carly Paul, and Jacob Reynolds.

Sixth Grade – Ms. Hirschert

Jeffrey Brown, Mark Diebel, Brittany Gaddis, Kamran Haq, Johnny Maybin, Chelsea McCoy, Alisha Menser, Brooke Nierman, Charles Taylor, Johanna Torres, Tina Vail, and Kayla Watkins.

Merriman Elementary

ALL A's/HIGH HONORS

Third Grade – Mrs. Graham

Jessica Keoshian.

Fourth-Fifth Grade – Mrs. Misiak

Timothy Booth.

Fifth Grade – Ms. Austin

Jordan Genigeski and Rabia Sheikh.

Sixth Grade – Mrs. Lhiva

Joshlyn Booth.

Sixth Grade – Mrs. Miller

Nichelle Baker, Sarena Dillon, Jacob Segur, and Cierra Toliver.

HONORS

Third Grade – Mrs. Graham

Tamia Gamble, Marrell Hayes, Daniel Hollis, Sammantha Krause, Amanda Segur, Bianca Tabb, Diamond Turner, Brooke Waldon, and Marquala Woodward.

Third Grade – Ms. Terwilliger

Mariah Borders, Austin Gula, Donte Keegan, Nikol Ray, Erunique Roach, and Gabrielle Walton.

Fourth Grade – Ms. Sneath

Kierstyn Burns, Matthew Freeman, Malaysia Hayes, Sh'Tia McGlory, and Jonathan Mihaesi.

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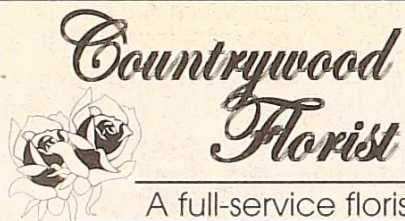
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RMS Boys' Basketball



Under coach Dan McCabe (back, right), Romulus Middle School's seventh-grade boys' basketball team finished with a 6-6 record. Players included: (from left) front - James Boler, Mahkiya Gipson, Todd Wade, Michael Harrington, and Jamyles Coleman; middle - Shamir Peggs, Jeffrey Robertson, Alexander Carter, Daijon Frazier, and Gregory McCloud; back - Jeffie Johnson, Kiwanis Chestnut, Tony James, Stephon Edwards, and DaJuan Andrews.



Finishing with a 7-5 record in the Mega Red Middle School Division was Romulus Middle School's eighth-grade boys' basketball team, coached by Troy Williams (back, right). Players included: (from left) front - Marcus Trent, Dwayne Thurmond, Brian Jones, Derrick Stewart, and Tristan Allen; middle - James Williams, Darrius Bumpers, Mark Trent, Antoine Wade, Marquis Lambert, and Steven Bray; back - Marcus Davis, Aaron Bailey, Deandray Buckley, and Antonio James.

Romulus Students Honored for Academics, Attendance

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Menser, Dominic Pena, Michael St. Jacques, David Shaft, Rehman Sheikh, Shanya Sturdivant, Courtney Thompson, and Drew Wilkerson.

Fifth Grade – Ms. Austin

Andre Brown, Angelina Diaz, Ariel Lanqua, Ivonne Lewis, Ashley Robinson, Sierra Straughter, and Gregory Williamson.

Sixth Grade – Mrs. Lhiva

Chance Armstrong, Jason Cooke-Thomason, Angela Langston, Nathan Wilkerson, Marquese Williams, and Jennifer Workman.

Sixth Grade – Mrs. Miller

Jennifer Lukas, Shavontae Melchor, Dominique Robinson, Rayven Rodgers, and Courtney Thomas.

EXEMPLARY ATTENDANCE

Kindergarten – Ms. Goulette

Darwin Brooks, Richard Demeter, Alonha Dillon, Melissa Menser, MacKayla Ward, and Jacob Wilkerson.

First Grade – Mrs. Bradlee

Pysces Booker, Rebecca Cole, Brian Gaddis, Alicia Genigeski, Destiny Hicks, Brooke Keoshian, and Braxton Smith.

Second Grade – Ms. Prisco

D'Angelo Contesso, Basil Dallas, Jacob Flannery, Kelsea Green, Dennis Johnson, Carrington Smith, and Kelsey Ward.

Third Grade – Mrs. Graham

Juwan Bearden, River Grishaber, Daniel Hollis, Bianca Tabb, Diamond Turner, and Marquela Woodward.

Third Grade – Ms. Terwilliger

Dushone Eldridge and Andrew Wilkie.

Fourth Grade – Ms. Sneath

Terrell Beavers, Erica Clausell, Tamiyah Frierson, Tariq Hadin, Malaysia Hayes, Carnique Hickey, Christi Langston, Jonathan Mihaesi, Keyshawn Pope, Charles Roach, and Chandler Smith.

Fourth-Fifth Grade – Mrs. Misiak

Chelsea Drouillard, Kayla Menser, Nakia Morgan, Rebecca Nowicki, David Shaft, Kyle Stevens, Shanya Sturdivant, and Adjetey Wilson.

Fifth Grade – Ms. Austin

Andre Brown, Jason Card-Westley, Brianna Clausell, Shantanique Davis-Solomon, Jordan Genigeski, India Graham, Ariel Lanqua, Travis McDaniel, Rabia Sheikh, and Laura Walton.

Sixth Grade – Ms. Lhiva

Joshlyn Booth and Nicholas Shotwell.

Sixth Grade – Mrs. Miller

Sarena Dillon and Kyle Hill.

Romulus Elementary

HIGH HONORS

Fourth Grade

Donte Elliot, Jurgen Hoxha, Cydnee Kidd, Stacy Kuczynski, and Kayla Tucker.

Fifth Grade

Jamarl Eiland and Jordan Girardin.

Sixth Grade

Jessica Brown, Janelle Carter, Desi-ree Kassa, Amanda Linnert, Symone Martin, and Jayne McClellan.

HONORS

Third Grade

Ke-Airra Baker, Jalen Bouldes, Jesse Brockman, Savannah Edwards, Janel Eiland, Victoria Fields, Jaray Ford, Jalyssa Forde, Summer Grafton, Janae Harmon, DeQuante Haugabook, Corey Hicks, Rayne Hollifield, Darius Jackson, Shyla Killen, Coree Kidd, Ryan Kuhn, Brianna Madison, Laurel Marciniak, Celeste Moore, Destanie Morris, Sha'Ron Nichols, Carl Pierce, Kaitlin Price, Chelsea Robinson, Jordon Stuart, Megan Swangim, Jaylen Tate-Lucas, Michaela Thomas, Kiara Thompson, Diana Valencia, Jessica Wang, Kiana Williams, Damiah Woodmore, and Timothy Young.

Fourth Grade

Brieana Allen, Skylar Allison, Jayla Barker, Elantra Bradford, Kasey Burgess, DeJhana Cole, Jasmine Harmon, Ashleigh Kendrick, Ariel Littles, Blake Mills, Tiyona Scott, Karyna Smith, and Jevincio Tooson.

Fifth Grade

Morgan Anderson, Albert Bacheller, Kyle Denham, Markus Dennis, Briana Dye, Catrina Eller, Aliciana Gondick, Yejideh Hatten, Kayla Jackson, Kylee Johnson, Lauren Kelsaw, Deshawn Keys, Darrinisha Lomax, Heather Nefsey, Ivan Rhodes, Zachery Sperry, Jalen Stuart, Dominique Whitlow, and Keith Zavitz.

Sixth Grade

Breonna Blakely, Latoya Colvin, Sommer Granberry, Eddie Hitchings, Jenafir Kennedy, Steven Nemeth, James Newbill, Ashley Patton, Averianna Richey, Zaakirah Roper, Chelsea Smith, Jade Stuart, Micah Ward, Anthony Warlix, and Devaun White.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Kindergarten

Akacia Channey, Jeremiah Davis, Danielle Deel, Shalone Grafton, Savannah Green, Destiny Johnson, Clara Reeves, Hailey Smith, Rebecca Valen-tik, and Filmel Williams.

First Grade

Breanna Anderson, Marcus Askew, Vanessa Bennett, David Berthiaume, Brock Corder, Jacob Davis, David Ford, Zaakiya Hatten, Cleopatra Henderson, Marvin Jackson, Eden Jemison, Samantha Sterrett, Mia Villarreal, and Kamilla Williams.

Second Grade

Torianna Allen-Cook, Elie Anderson, Imani Askew, Kristal Bennett, Takiya Channey, Darius Ellis, Jason Ford, Joseph Henderson, Sierra Lattimore, Jacob Lawrence, Shane Moore, Shawn Sands, Joseph Sperry, Ella Warren, Joseph Washington, and Angelique White.

Third Grade

Jael Eiland, Tiara Evans, Victoria Fields, Summer Grafton, Janae Harmon, Cory Hicks, Jacob Kopenhafer, Brianna Madison, Laurel Marciniak, Abigail Nemeth, Devin Osborne, Carl Pierce, Kathryn Roehrich, Megan Swangim, Michaela Thomas, Jaylin Walker, Alena Washington, Rebecca Williams, Damiah Woodmore, and Timothy Young.

Fourth Grade

London Allen, Dionshay Baker, Ramon Barber, Elantra Bradford, L'daesja Brown, Indigo Carr, DeJahana Cole, Delvon Crawford, Rebecka Dobbyn, Donte Elliot, Ticora Harris, Kathryn Holtz, Jurgen Hoxha, Troy Hughes, Katherine Hunt, Kaelon Knight, Stacy Kuczynski, Anthony Lamar, Blake Mills, Devain Newbill, Roderick Peterson, Rebekha Shackelford, Jayla Smith, Karyna Smith, Jevincia Tooson, Kayla Tucker, Sean Walkowiak, Dustin Ward, Christopher White, Chazz Whitehead, and Javonna Williams.

Fifth Grade

Morgan Anderson, Albert Bacheller, Porscha Brantley, Kyle Denham, Markus Dennis, Briana Dye, Jamarl Eiland, Darrinisha Lomax, Zachery Sperry, Joshua Thornton, Dominique Whitlow, and Keith Zavitz.

Sixth Grade

Tiffany Brown, Keyoni Collins, Travis Corder, Nadya Ellis, Arthur Gibson, Charles Givens, Tenario Golden, Symone

Grafton, Sommer Granberry, Amber Griffin, Devin Groh, Chavez Hare, Price Hawkins, Daria Jackson, Dasja Jackson, Pernell Jackson, Jenafir Kennedy, Jessika Kennedy, Justin Lane, Amanda Linnert, Joseph Luckett, Robert Malinowski, Victor Mangham, Symone Martin, Jayne McClellan, Brian McKinney, James Newbill, Dayne Nundley, Tommy Riley, William Schermerhorn, Kevin Swangim, Ashley Swistara, Anthony Warlix, DeVaun White, and Shaywan Whitlow.

Wick Elementary

ALL A's

Third Grade – Mrs. Mefford

Tiara Perry and Chance Weaver.

Third Grade – Mrs. Small

Caine Caverly, Amir Joseph, Jayla Williams, Damon Williamson, Brandon Wojciechowski, and Jordan Wright.

Fourth Grade – Mrs. Alguire

Armani Gipson, Jesse McAnally, and Taylor Morgan.

Fourth Grade – Mrs. Johnson

Rachel Funderburg, Simone Singal, and Brenna Wade.

Fifth-Sixth Grade – Mr. Gibb-Randall

Jillian Camilleri, Levi Eddings, Jeremy Horne, Jada Rachal, and Chelsea Shellman.

Sixth Grade – Mrs. Redmond

Fred McAnally.

HONORS

Third Grade – Mrs. Mefford

John Adams, Micah Armour, Shannora Buford, Mariah Gee, Nicholas Grantham, Maurica Mathews, Rojet Morrow, Austin Raymond, Jadea Watson, and Sara Watts.

Third Grade – Mrs. Small

De'Shawn Cole, Caron Davis, Avery Gray, Jade Hall, Zoe Morrisette, Antoine Powers, Charity Price, Meshel Rodgers, Jalen Rusan, Lukas Toler, and Christina Wells.

Fourth Grade – Mrs. Alguire

Andrea Boddie, Ashley Brown, Corbin DuCheny, Justin Freeman, Jaquan Jones, Ashley Lamoureux, Rachel Leonard, Mikai Melchor, Cierra Walker, and Tiara Webb.

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RHS Volleyball



Coach Harry Hunter (back, center) led his Lady Eagles volleyball team to a perfect 8-0 record in pool play and a fourth-place finish in Romulus High School's own 15-team tournament. Players included: (from left) front – Aleshia Wyatt and Jennifer Hunter; middle – Courtney Turner, Jessica Dick, Jennifer Dick, and Joy Jendritz; back – Yetunde Emanuel, Landria Buckley, Lindsay Beregsasy, and Alysa Long.



Also having a good year was the JV volleyball team, coached by Dena Hunter (back, right). Players included: (from left) front – Mary Ann Watts, Samantha Bankey, Jennifer Logan, and Kathryn Forth; middle – Monique Walker, Janeice McNeal, Christienne Linton, and Tranay Tanner; back – Samantha Watson, Cheyenne Oakley, Kaela Torres, Brianna Grover, and Rebecca Lewkowicz.

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Fourth Grade – Mrs. Johnson

London Brown, Nathan Durtka, Maria Holmun, Calvin Jones, Jezreel Lewis, Donald Mawby, Samantha Moore, and Keiairah Smith.

Fifth Grade – Ms. Richard

Deja Arrington, Andrea Bruno, Brittney Burnette, Shakari Cummings, Danielle Davis, Alven Littell, and Tiffany Woolford.

Fifth–Sixth Grade – Mr. Gibb-Randall

Alicia Adams, Tashyanna Berry, Malik Brown, Nancy Burcroff, Maya Davis, Megan Dotson, Courtney Flagg, Cierra Gasser, Caleb Hare, Mariah Hemmingway, Louise Hood, Michael Latona, Jerry McCray, Kylie Melville, Bryan Moore, Aaliyah Mosley, Jonathan Proctor, Kyia Walker, and Nicole Wilson.

Sixth Grade – Mrs. Redmond

Aaron Hicks.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Kindergarten – Mrs. Justusson

Cerdon Abney, Willie Gates, Kae-von Merriweather, Ramiro Nevels, and Nia Reed.

Kindergarten – Mrs. Wood

TaKayla Beckon, Marquise Legion, Kyra Millwood, Alexis Smith, Trace Weaver, Briana Woodford, Owen Wyzykowski, and Sophia Wyzykowski.

First Grade – Ms. Forth

Samantha Eddings, Kenneth Fultz, Morgan Johnson, Kalyn Jones, Meiah Rodgers, and Nyjah White.

Second Grade – Mrs. Hurst

Romney Funderburg, Vashaun Howard, Shayla Johnson, Marlon Legion, Yakira Payne, and Tamia Taylor.

Second Grade – Ms. Williams

Christopher Goodley, Desmond Hatcher, Michael Hatton, Sydney Singal, and Mariah Vesey.

Third Grade – Mrs. Mefford

John Adams, Micah Armour, Shannora Buford, Marché Ellis, Charelle Gamble, Tyler Hancock, Shemar Hibbert, Nicholas Proctor, Jadea Watson, and Chance Weaver.

Third Grade – Mrs. Small

Linsay Abney, Caron Davis, Avery Gray, Amir Joseph, Charity Price, Meshel

Rodgers, Christina Wells, Jayla Williams, and Damon Williamson.

Fourth Grade – Mrs. Alguire

Antonio Franklin, Jerrod Horton, Mikhail Melchor, Taylor Morgan, and Dana Rodgers.

Fourth Grade – Mrs. Johnson

Rachel Funderburg, Mercedes Gamble, Cody Householder, Calvin Jones, and Tyron Hamby.

Fifth Grade – Ms. Richard

Deja Arrington, Lamar Bothwell, Andrea Bruno, Brittney Burnette, Kendra Curlée, Danielle Davis, Jasmine Ellison, James Fucron, Jaylin Gregory, Paris Harper, Micah Hatton, Nickky Smith, and Tiffany Woolford.

Fifth–Sixth Grade – Mr. Gibb-Randall

Alicia Adams, Levi Eddings, Christina Flint, Mariah Hemmingway, Jeremy Horne, Jerry McCray, Jonathan Proctor, and Jada Rachal.

Sixth Grade – Mrs. Redmond

Erik Brantley, Martrey Gregory, Mikos Jones, Elexus Lee, Fred McAnally, Bryant Moore, Brian Smith, Earl Smith, and Arlene Yancy.

Romulus Middle School

ALL A's

Seventh Grade

Loren Adams, Aprell Arthur, Cierra Baxter, Kayla Berry, Keli Boyd, Jasmine Brown, Danielle Doyle, Briana Glenn, Misha Hudson, Hailie Laginess, Kelly McGlynn, Jesse McGrane, Shealyn Melville, Dajuan Partee, Carman Plank, Amanda Richards, Monae Riley, Jonathan Stone, and Jennifer Sylvester.

Eighth Grade

Jeremy Council, Tamara Garrison, Tierra Garrison, and Ashley Waggle.

HONORS

Seventh Grade

Bilal Ali, Stephanie Andrew, Haleigh Baval, Murphy Beckon, Angelique Blackmon, Luke Blum, James Boler, Brianna Boyd, Christopher Britz, Natalia Brown, Katelynn Buyer, Dai'Janae Byers, Jade Campbell, Alexander Carter, Amber Considine, Valerie Crawford, Ashley Cribbs, Ivory Cross, Angela Crossley, Tiffany Cummings, Zachary Curry, Shanel Davis,

Spencer Defelice, Diamond Dortch, Dylan Dotson, Wendi Durtka, Jalyann Echols, Monique Ellis-Dorr, Brittany Forbes, Andrea Foxworth, Brittany Francis, Dajon Frazier, Angelette French, Ricardo Freshley, Ryan Genigeski, Leydiana Gittens, Justice Givhan, Brittany Glenn, Brooke Graham, Robert Hayes, Michael Henich, Brittini Hillard, Zoatta Hogan, Willie John-ican, Courtney Johnson, Lauren Johnson, Victoria Johnson, Breanna Kelly, Courtney Kennedy, Joshua Khan, Brit-tani Lincoln, Chaunce Little, Olivia Madison, Iysha Martin, Gregory McCloud, Lucas Molic, Shunary Noyd, Sarah Orr, Sarah Payne, Crystal Poet, Jaiana Powers, Antonio Pressley, Tara Radford, Jeffrey Robertson, Joanna Rogers, Chelsea Roper, Blake Rupersburg, Malita Rutherford, Dairrein Searcy, Kelsey Sharrow, Nan Sheikh, Diontae Shipp, Aaminah Siddiqui, Sierra Smith, Robert Snyder, Damisha Spann, Kaylan Spieth, Rachel Stanley, Junaé Stephens, Chelsea Thomas, Shaquille Tipton, Kaessi Torres, Seth Urban, Amanda Waggle, Eric Wands, Onja'Leese Warren, Astacia Watts, Kenya Weaver, Bre'Ana West, Johlysha Westley-Brown, Adrianna Williams, Jazmine Williams, William Williams, Zachary Williams, Tiara Woody, Shelby Woolford, and Naikiya Yeamen.

Eighth Grade

Tiffany Adkins, Holly Atchley, Zachary Beregsasy, Courtney Blakeney, Dan-

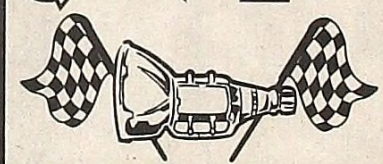
ielle Bland, Rachelle Bovee, Beatrice Boyd, Deandray Buckley, Elea'ele Buford, Darrius Bumpers, William Burton, Ashley Bush, Dominique Carroll, Brandon Davis, Jonathan Dawson, Leanne Dawson, Steven Destramp, Aaron Dis-muke, Martel Ellis, Tia Evans, Ardale Foster, Ceara Franklin, Seth Gasser, Karli Gibson, Timothy Graves, Brian Gray, Rashida Harrison, Erica Hayes, Alexander Hicks-Gregory, Louis Hill, Eghosa Igbinobaro, Justin Jadzinski, Jazmyn Jones, Breana Keels, Kaylynn LaBean, Caitlynn Lefler, Ashley Linnert, Brittany Little, Michael Lovelady, Ter-rance Lundy, Victoria Mangham, Ryan McLachlan, Victoria Newell, Jesse Nor-man, Juwan Piggee, Brittany Piro-Capen, Sheila Reeves, DeAndre Rich, Desmend Roberts, Robert Robertson, Marcel Rog-ers, Amber Sears, Kazam Sheikh, Brian-na Shreve, Geridan St. Peter, Derrick Stewart, Daijah Street, Destiny Swani-gan, Cody Szostek, Brooke Tanner, Danyale Taylor, Marcus Trent, Ciara Turner, Ashlee Wade, Ashley Watley, Desiree Watt, Sheila Watts, Krystal Wegrzyn, Brittany Wilkewitz, and Donald Williams.

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RHS Athletics



Romulus High School wrestling coach David Cooper (back, left) was proud of his team's performance at the recent Romulus Royal Tournament. Team members include: (from left) front - Patrick Sutter, Carl Urt, Tom Kuderik, Gerald Horton, Joe Lewis**, Tony Glimps**, Carl Roscoe*, and Matt Adams; back - Charlie Webb, Brian Householder**, Justin Dockery, Travis Dockery, Dean Burcroff, Eric Berger, Brad Burcroff, Joe Sanchez, and Elliott Borom. (*finished second at the Romulus Royal meet; **finished third at the Romulus Royal meet)



Under coach Avery Taylor (left), the Romulus High School freshman boys' basketball team is off to an excellent 13-1 start, winning games by margins of as much as 50 points. Players include: (from left) front - Darius Ellis, Demetrius Price, Kevin Brown, Ron Kersey, Cody Barnes, Rodney Cofield, and Loren Townes; middle - Tim Dalton, Josh Horne, Mike Davis, and James Welton; back - Abiola Emanuel, Gavar Long, Donnavin Searcy, Dion Shepherd, Derek Kinney, Chris Flint, Ken Shobola, and Dale Jackson.

Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Linda Norman, senior citizens program coordinator for the City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column. (For more information about events at the new Romulus Senior Center, located at 36525 Bibbins, please call 734-955-4120.)

Good-bye ... Hello

Senior Center program director Linda Norman bids a fond farewell to Nikki Place, her program assistant for just over a year, and welcomes her replacement, D'Aun Taylor. Be sure to stop in and say a friendly hello to the Center's newest staff member.

Free Tax Preparation

From 12:30 to 3 p.m. each Wednesday through April 12, the Romulus Senior Center will be offering free tax preparation services (by appointment only) to low-income Romulus seniors (age 60 and older). The service will also be available at Romulus Tower.

A list of materials which must be brought to the appointment will be provided at the time of registration. These materials will include:

- W-2 forms,
- Unemployment compensation statements,
- SSA-1099 interest/dividends statements,
- 1099R pension/annuity statements,
- forms showing income taxes paid,
- last year's tax forms.

For more information, or to make an appointment for tax service, call or stop in at the Center.

Help with Signing Up for Plan D

Linda Peak, case manager for the Wayne-Metropolitan Community Action Agency, will be at the Romulus Senior Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month to assist senior citizens in signing up for Medicare Plan D. (Next date: February 22.)

Seniors planning to consult with Peak should bring their Social Security and Medicare cards, a list of medications, proof of income, and any paperwork they have received about Plan D or the Michigan Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program (MMAP).

Shopping Trips

Romulus seniors can ride the Center's van, free of charge, for shopping at Farmer Jack (Monday, February 13, 9:30 a.m.) and/or Super Kmart (Monday, February 20, 9:30 a.m.)

Seating is limited; advance registration required.

Special Trips

Special trips planned by the Romulus Senior Center include:

- **Bay Mills**
(February 26-27; \$100; \$30 rebates and \$10 food credits),
- **Kewadin**
(March 28-29; \$50 after rebates)
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Regular Programs

Besides the many special activities offered at the Romulus Senior Center, a number of regularly scheduled free or low-cost programs are also open to local senior citizens, including:

- Ceramics (Mondays, 12:30 p.m.),
- Bunco (Tuesdays, 1 p.m.),
- Bingo (Wednesdays, 1 p.m.),
- Fun Night (Wednesdays, 5 p.m.),
- Game Day (Thursdays, 1 to 3 p.m.).

Ask the Attorney

Local attorney Steve Robinson's monthly "Ask the Attorney" program – a free consultation service for Romulus senior citizens – has been scheduled for 3 to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, February 14, at the Center. As always, walk-ins (36525 Bibbins) and call-ins (734-955-4120) are welcome.

Chiropractic Clinics

Dr. Craig Everingham from Everingham Chiropractic will be at the Romulus Senior Center at 1:15 p.m. on the second and fourth Monday of each month. (Next date: February 13.) To make your appointment, please call 734-941-5620.

Walk for Your Health

Ride the Senior Center's van to Wayne County Community College's Western Campus each Monday and Friday at 12:30 p.m. for an hour of safe indoor walking at your own pace. Sign up at the Center to reserve your seat.

The Center strongly urges anyone considering a change in his/her exercise program to consult a doctor beforehand.

Haircut Service Features New Face

The Romulus Senior Center's next haircut date is set for Monday, February 27, beginning at 10 a.m. To take advantage of this affordable program, call the Center to make an appointment.

Chore Services Available

The Romulus Senior Center's chore services program is available to seniors and other residents who meet the program's income guidelines. For more information, call the Center.

Hot Lunches

Just a reminder that the Romulus Senior Center serves a hot lunch at 11:30 a.m. each weekday for a donation of only \$1.75. Call at least 24 hours in advance to make your reservation. □

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Obituaries

Daniel D. Leffler

Daniel D. Leffler of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on January 29, 2006, at the age of 41.

Daniel – born in Ann Arbor, Michigan, on Sunday, October 4, 1954 – retired from Nordic Tool in 2000. His interests included fishing and working on cars.

Surviving Daniel are 2 daughters, Amy A. Leffler (Belleville, MI) and Marcie M. (Jason R.) Rinaldo (PA); a son, Joel E. Hamilton (Zephyrhills, FL); his parents, William B. Leffler and Louise J. (Boulis) Leffler; 3 brothers, Michael W. (Ruth) Leffler (Bullhead, AZ), Thomas G. Leffler (Belleville), and Kenneth E. Leffler (Belleville); a sister, Patti (Peter)

Piotrowski (Milan, MI); and 2 grandchildren, Ethan and Ryan.

Among those who predeceased him was his wife, Kellie (McCraight) Leffler, who passed away in 1992.

A funeral service was held on Friday, February 3, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus), with the Reverend Laura Kelsey (Tyrone Community Presbyterian Church, Fenton, MI) officiating.

Cremation rites were accorded following the service.

Memorial tributes to hospice or any quadriplegic-support organization would be greatly appreciated by the Leffler family.

Larry A. Miank

Larry A. Miank of Northville, Michigan, passed away on Monday, January 30, 2006, at the age of 68.

The native of Wayne, Michigan, was born on Wednesday, November 3, 1937.

Larry – who served his country in the Air National Guard before being honorably discharged – worked for Dura Industries until his retirement in 2001. A baseball player in his younger years, he once tried out for the Detroit Tigers. His many interests included reading, cooking and entertaining, puttering around with hand tools, golf, and hunting.

Larry is survived by his wife, Doris E. (Felmly) Miank.

Among those who preceded him in passing were his parents, William and Ruth (McBride) Miank.

A funeral service was held at noon on Thursday, February 2, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with Reverend William Kren (Community United Methodist Church, Romulus) officiating. A chapel service was held at 2:30 p.m. the same day at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock).

Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park.

Memorial tributes to the American Cancer Society would be greatly appreciated by Mrs. Miank.

Carol L. Penrod

Carol L. Penrod of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Tuesday, January 24, 2006, at the age of 65.

Carol was born in Detroit, Michigan, on Monday, September 30, 1940. She retired from Garden City Hospital (Garden City, MI) after 30 years of service as a nurse's aide. Carol was a dedicated wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, companion, and friend who lived

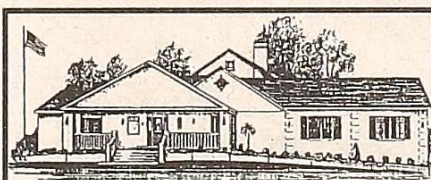
life to the fullest. She enjoyed camping and being on the water, and especially loved to take care of her grandchildren.

The beloved wife of the late Ronald Penrod is survived by her loving companion, Rick Luczak; her children, Lynne Penrod, David (Melody) Penrod, Donna (Gary) Goble, Rick (Jennifer) Luczak, Jaime (Kevin) Fernley, and Stacey (Mike) Hatfield; her grandchildren, Nicole (Manuel) Ruiz, James Dotson, Michael Penrod, Mark Goble, Amanda Penrod, Valerie Penrod, Eric Goble, Ken Penrod, Robert Goble, Ronald Penrod, Madison Penrod, Zachary Dean-Luczak, Christopher Penrod, and Gavin Dean-Luczak; her great-grandson, Joseph Ruiz; and her dogs, Buddy and Maggie.

She was predeceased by her parents, Karl and Edna Kuhn; her step-mother, Eula Kuhn; and a brother, Robert Kuhn.

A funeral service was held on Friday, January 27, at Uht Funeral Home (Westland, MI), with Pastor Steve Adams (Romulus Wesleyan Church) officiating.

Memorial tributes to the American Heart Association would be appreciated.



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